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## UNION READY TO TIE UP SUBWAY AND 'L'; STRIKEBREAKERS WAIT AT TERMINALS

### BRITISH WIN WHOLE SYSTEM OF TRENCHES FROM GERMANS IN GREAT DRIVE ON SOMME

### French Beat Off Strong Counter Attack by Kaiser's Troops—British Push Ahead 1,500 Yards East of Guillemont and Hold Falfemont.

LONDON, Sept. 5.—The British pushed 1,500 yards eastward in fighting near Guillemont last night, capturing the village of Falfemont, Gen. Haig reported this afternoon.

The whole German system of strong defenses at Falfemont is in British hands. The British also gained a footing in the Deuse Wood, a mile northwest of Comblis.

The official announcement says that the fighting on the Somme since Sept. 3 has resulted in the capture by the British of the whole of the remaining German second line of defense on the battle front from Mouquet Farm to the point where the British line joins the French.

Since the beginning of the allied offensive on July 1 the French and English have captured twenty-nine villages which the Germans had organized to the highest defensive degree. They have taken about 41,000 prisoners, 150 cannon and several hundred machine guns.

The text of the British official statement says:

"During the night we increased our gains in the neighborhood of Guillemont. In spite of the enemy's stubborn resistance and an unceasing deluge of rain our troops pushed forward to 1,500 yards east of Guillemont village and have obtained a footing in Leuse Wood.

"Further south after severe fighting the whole of the enemy's strong system of defense on a front of 1,000 yards in and around Falfemont has fallen into our hands."

### GERMANS FAIL TO REGAIN GROUND FROM FRENCH.

PARIS, Sept. 5.—The Germans last night made several unsuccessful attempts to recapture ground lost to the French on both sides of the Somme in the allied drive on Sunday and Monday. It was officially announced to-day.

The strongest German counter-attack was delivered north of the Somme between Comblis and Forest. The French had observed preparations for this blow throughout yesterday and were fully prepared to meet it. The first men to attack fell under French fire and the survivors were driven back to their trenches.

South of the Somme the Germans made several unsuccessful attacks near Belloy-en-Santerre, the French taking 100 prisoners. Bad weather hindered the development of the French offensive, but the night was spent in organizing the newly won ground against counter attacks.

The text of the official statement follows:

"On the Somme front bad weather, which prevailed all night, hampered operations. Our troops are organizing themselves on the ground gained.

"North of the river the Germans launched a strong counter-attack detaching from Anderly Wood against our positions between Comblis and Forest. Caught under the fire of our artillery and machine guns the assaulting troops broke up and flowed back to their starting line, having suffered heavy losses. The enemy made no further attempts.

South of the Somme the Germans attempted an action at only a single point of the front, to the east of Belloy-en-Santerre, where several attacks were repulsed by our fire. The enemy left about 100 more prisoners in our hands.

The allied attack to-day carried the terrific fighting over forty miles of Somme front, or, roughly, one-

### PRESIDENT CAN USE LITTLE AEROPLANE ARMY AND NAVY TO AID U. S. SHIPPERS BROUGHT DOWN THE GIGANTIC ZEPPELIN

Senate Adopts Amendment to Revenue Bill Authorizing Drastic Measures.

### BLOW AT BLACKLIST. THREATENING FIGHT IN AIR.

Tampering With Mails by British Is Also Resented in Another Clause.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 5.—An amendment to the Revenue Bill, authorizing the President, during a war in which the United States is not engaged, to withhold clearance from all vessels which discriminate against American shippers, to withhold privileges from ships of such nations as withhold privileges accorded to other nations from American ships, and to use the army and navy if necessary to prevent departure of offending vessels from United States ports, was adopted to-day by the Senate.

This is a direct blow at the British blacklist. An amendment to the Tariff Commission section by Senator Gallinger was adopted, broadening the Commission's powers so that it shall observe the effect of tariff laws on industry and labor and also observe the effect of "economic alliances."

An amendment of Senator Phelan of California was also adopted authorizing the President by proclamation to deny the use of the mails, express, telegraph, wireless or cable facilities to citizens of nations which do not accord to Americans all facilities of commerce, "including the unhindered traffic in the mail." This amendment, it was declared, was aimed particularly at British interference with American mails.

An amendment by Senator Sterling directing the Commission to investigate particularly the cost of production here and abroad was rejected.

### "BEST RECEPTIONS YET," SAYS WILSON OF TRIP

President, Back in Capital, Delighted Over Kentucky Journey.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 5.—President Wilson returned here at 2:05 o'clock this afternoon from Hodgenville, Ky. He was driven immediately to the White House.

"These have been the finest receptions I have ever received," is the way the President characterized his trip through West Virginia and Kentucky. "The President evidently was delighted at the enthusiasm with which he was received, even when late at night there was nothing for small town crowds to cheer but the darkened private car."

Thursday night the President leaves for Atlantic City, where he will address the convention of the National Women's Suffrage Association. Saturday morning he expects to motor to Long Beach.

### Sweet Singer of the Trenches Is No More.

LONDON, Aug. 26 (by mail).—The following is contained in a letter from a British soldier: "The Saxons used to have a chap with them named Paul, who had a sweet voice and used to sing the latest songs. He was easily heard in our front trenches, and his songs were enjoyed by our fellows as well as the Germans. One day when things were quiet there was no singing and one of our men called out to the Germans, 'Paul! Paul! sing.' Back came the answer, preceded by a string of German curses: 'You shot Paul yesterday!'

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### LEOPOLD OF BAVARIA, AGED COMMANDER WHO SUCCEEDS HINDENBURG



PRINCE LEOPOLD OF BAVARIA, COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF OF THE CENTRAL AUSTRO-GERMAN ARMIES IN THE EAST.

### AUSTRO-GERMAN LINES WILL HOLD, SAYS LEOPOLD

Commander Has No Fear of the Russian-Romanian Combination Against Him.

HEADQUARTERS OF PRINCE LEOPOLD OF BAVARIA, AUSTRO-GERMAN FRONT, Sept. 5.—The combined power of the Russian and Rumanian armies will be unable to breach the Austro-German lines in the East, Prince Leopold of Bavaria, Commander-in-Chief of the Central Austro-German armies in the East, declared to-day.

"This section of the front, as well as the whole Eastern battle line is impregnable," said the Bavarian commander. "The Russians are brave. They advance in thick masses. But they suffer grievous losses and cannot break through."

Replying to a query as to what effect Rumania's entrance into the war will have on the Allies, Prince Leopold stepped closer to the correspondent, and said with enthusiasm:

"The Rumanians have brought themselves into a bad situation. They will get some unexpected blows yet. Yes, there will be blows as well for those who might follow their example."

Prince Leopold, though seventy years of age, is robust and in perfect health. He takes a swim daily and indulges in steeplechasing to keep in trim.

### WAR TO LAST 18 MONTHS, IS BELIEF OF BRITISH

Italian Prime Minister Is So Informed by English Government Officials.

ROME, Sept. 5.—British Government officials have informed the Italian Prime Minister of their belief that the war will last at least another eighteen months.

This announcement was made public to-day.

### HALTED HIS TRAIN TO FISH.

Engineer Alleged to Have Spent Two Hours at the Sport.

(Special to the Evening World.) NEW ORLEANS, Sept. 5.—Alleging he lost a big lumber contract because of train delay, Edgar Wright, in a suit for \$2,000, charges that the engineer of the Baton Rouge, Hammond and Eastern Railroad halted his train two hours to go fishing.

"I concede the luring powers of angling," says the plaintiff, "but business is business."

### WOMAN ENDS LIFE IN 13-STORY LEAP AT HOTEL ANSONIA

Plunges From Window as Frantic Elevator Boy Rushes to Restrain Her.

### IN ILL HEALTH, SAYS KIN.

Victim of Tragedy Was Mrs. Irene Landis of Far Rockaway.

Mrs. Irene Landis, 27 years old, who lived at the Evergreen Cottage, No. 200 Central Avenue, Far Rockaway, committed suicide at 11:45 o'clock this morning by jumping from a window on the thirteenth floor of the Hotel Ansonia, Seventy-fourth Street and Broadway.

The woman leaped just as Sidney Leach, an elevator operator, was racing toward the window to grab her. He was within ten feet of the window when she threw herself out and dropped into a rear airway near the Seventy-fourth Street side of the hotel, her body falling Joseph Martino, an ash-can man, who, with Alexander and James Schille, brothers, was loading a wagon in the airway.

Within a few seconds the hotel was in a commotion. Leach began frantically yelling for help when he realized he would be unable to save the woman, and his cries were taken up by chambermaids. Guests ran from their rooms panic-stricken and it was with difficulty that Manager Cavanagh quieted them.

Cavanagh summoned Traffic Police-man Behrens and an ambulance from the Knickerbocker Hospital. Dr. Summer, who came with the ambulance, said the woman had been killed instantly.

The body was identified this afternoon by Harry and Sam Nathan, brothers of the woman. They said her husband, A. Richard Landis, a traveling man, recently had moved to Far Rockaway from No. 530 St. Nicholas Avenue in the hope that the change would benefit his wife, who was in poor health.

Efforts were being made this afternoon to find out why the woman chose the Ansonia for her tragic act. She had been seen wandering through the hallways of the hotel during the morning, and there is much mystery as to what she wanted there. Leach said she rode in his elevator several times, but he did not question her, believing she was a guest.

It is said Mrs. Landis left Far Rockaway at 9 o'clock to-day to visit a dentist in the city.

### FOUR KILLED, THREE HURT, WHEN AUTO TURNS TURTLE

Machine Carrying Michigan Party Into Ohio Is Wrecked at a Sharp Turn.

ANN ARBOR, Mich., Sept. 5.—Four persons were killed and three seriously injured early to-day near Sandusky, O., when an automobile turned turtle at a sharp turn. All were from Ann Arbor.

The dead are: Harry C. Millman, drug clerk; Don A. Stark, Mrs. Stark and Norman Eschbach.

### AN AVIATOR'S HOMAGE.

Belgian Dropped Flowers for German Killed in Air Battle.

BRUSSELS, Sept. 5 (via London).—Prof. Siebert, several years ago an exchange professor in the United States, was killed recently in an aerial action over the western front. The following day the Belgian victor dropped a bouquet of roses for the funeral, with the inscription: "A Belgian aviator's homage to a foe defeated in aerial battle."

### HEDLEY THREATENS CARMEN AT STORMY PEACE PARLEY; NEITHER SIDE WILL YIELD

Gompers and Mitchel Summoned, the Former to Give Federation Support to Strike and the Latter to Effect a Truce If Possible.

### AGREEMENT VIOLATED, UNION HEADS CHARGE

A committee representing the union employees of the Interborough Rapid Transit Company and the organizers of the Amalgamated Union of Carmen met this afternoon in a hall at No. 110 East One Hundred and Twenty-fifth Street to perfect plans for a strike on the subway and "L" lines to be called without delay if the Interborough management insists upon entering into a contract or working agreement with each individual in its employ.

The union leaders sent to the Public Service Commission this afternoon a formal complaint that the New York Railways Company has violated the terms of the agreement which settled the strike on Aug. 7. The purpose of this protest apparently is to open a way by which the motormen and conductors on the "green line" cars can be called out in sympathy with the subway and "L" workers.

A strike on the subway and elevated lines certainly will be called within forty-eight hours unless there is, in the mean time, a decided back-down on the part of the Union or the management of the Interborough.

### GOMPERS AND MITCHEL SUMMONED.

Following a stormy conference at the offices of the Interborough, No. 165 Broadway, to-day, between a committee representing the Union and General Manager Hedley of the Interborough, each side declared adherence to contentions which can have but one result—a strike order on the Interborough underground and overhead lines.

Organizer W. R. Fitzgerald of the carmen's union has sent for Samuel Gompers, President of the American Federation of Labor, who is in Maine, but is expected here to-morrow. May Mitchell also has been summoned from Plattsburg in the faint hope that he can find a way out of a situation in which each side refuses to recognize a fundamental principle advanced by the other.

Fitzgerald, his counsel and several of his union associates called at the City Hall to-day on their way up-town from the fruitless conference. Fitzgerald is Acting Mayor Dowling and Mayor Mitchell's secretaries and then said:

"It is very important that Mayor Mitchell should return to New York at once. He has our pledge that we will not call a strike without consulting him and we are going to live up to it."

"If there were no pledge would you call a strike at once?" Fitzgerald was asked.

"I can't talk about what I would do," he replied.

### CONFERENCE ALMOST PRECIPITATED STRIKE.

The conference almost precipitated a strike despite the pledge to the Mayor. At one stage General Manager Hedley threatened to discharge the entire union committee of thirty-six employees right where they stood and then have them thrown out of his office. Such an action undoubtedly would have resulted in a strike order within half an hour.

From reports that have reached headquarters the union leaders plan, if the subway management manages to keep trains running in the event of a strike, to call out the employees on the Interborough surface lines in Manhattan, and also the employees of the surface lines of Queens and Rich-

mond. All employees on these systems have been warned that if they fail to report for work or join a sympathetic strike they will be dropped from the company pay rolls, and if, at some future time, they are re-employed they will come in as new men.

The union leaders have also threatened to call out the B. R. T. employees, but the management of that corporation professes to have assurances that there is no possibility of a strike on the Brooklyn lines.

### WANTS THE SUPPORT OF GOMPERS.

Fitzgerald has a double object in calling on Samuel Gompers. President William B. Mahon of the Amalgamated Union is in Europe and Fitzgerald hesitates about ordering a great strike on his own responsibility. Furthermore, he wants a pledge of support from the American Federation of Labor.

Fitzgerald announced to-day that a difference of a day or two in calling a strike doesn't matter, because the union is strong enough to make a strike effective under any circumstances. He also said that the action of the Interborough in employing and massing strikebreakers and appealing for police protection and the militia is strengthening the union and bringing about a situation which will, if the men desert their posts, be as much of a lockout as a strike.

Even while the conference was in progress the Interborough management was installing strikebreakers, groceries, cooking utensils and cots in Hedley Hall at the Van Cortlandt Park terminal of the Broadway subway, in the barns at One Hundred and Forty-fifth Street and Lenox Avenue and in the "L" road buildings at Ninety-ninth Street and Third Avenue. About 1,000 strikebreakers were assembled at these points.

### STRIKEBREAKERS POSTED AT STATIONS.

Immediately after the close of the conference the Interborough management began sending out strikebreakers from the main office to man stations under waiting orders. They were directed to wait around the stations and platforms in readiness to jump in and take hold of things in the event of a sudden strike order.

Men competent to handle trains were posted at different stations along the line, with instructions to replace motormen and conductors who might

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